## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	)
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V.	) Criminal No.: 19-10080-NM
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AMY COLBURN, et al.,	)
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Defendants	)
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## **GOVERNMENT'S STATUS REPORT AND MOTION FOR RE-CONSOLIDATION**

The government respectfully submits this status report and moves to re-consolidate the case for trial in September.

At the June 15, 2021 status conference, the Court noted that, in the event the total number of defendants remaining for trial were reduced to 6, the Court would try the remaining defendants together in September, but that it would otherwise try the 5 "side door" defendants in September, and the test cheating defendants in January 2022. *See* Dkt. 1908. The Court thereafter issued a severance order on June 21, 2022. *See* Dkt. 1916.

Today, the government has filed a plea agreement and superseding information for defendant Homayoun Zadeh. *See* Dkts. 1929, 1930. Accordingly, there remain four defendants set for trial in September, and three defendants set for trial in January. However, two of the January defendants – Gregory and Amy Colburn – are a married couple. They are represented by the same counsel and will presumably sit together at trial. Accordingly, for logistical purposes, they effectively count as a single defendant.

For these reasons, and the reasons previously set forth in its briefing on the subject, the government respectfully moves to re-consolidate the proceedings for trial in September.

Respectfully submitted,

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